# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance for Sports
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of schemes being implemented and total budget allocation made by the Government in the previous and current year to develop the sport skills and to encourage the sportspersons in the country, State/UTwise, particularly in West Bengal and Rajasthan;
(b) whether funds has been released for the purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred;
(c) whether the Government is providing financial assistance/pension to present/former award winning national/ international level sportspersons, if so, the details thereof including the criteria for selecting beneficiaries and the number of beneficiaries, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government is likely to create employment cell in the Ministry to assist such sportspersons to get employment in various public sector undertakings, banks and other Government organisations and to coordinate in this respect and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(e) the details of proposals/plans to construct stadia in each District/Tehsil of the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing a number of schemes for developing sports skills and encouraging sportspersons in the country. However, no State/UT- wise allocation is made under these scheme. The main schemes include Rajiv Gandhi Kehl Abhiyan (RGKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme and Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), which is a centrally sponsored scheme introduced in 2014-15 aims at construction of Integrated Sports Complexes in all block panchayats of the country in a phased manner and providing access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels.
Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme, introduced in 2010-11, envisages development of playfields by the State Governments through Playfield Associations, coach development programme through Central and State Governments, creation of infrastructure including laying of artificial turfs for hockey, football and athletics, and construction of multi-purpose hall. Under the Scheme, State Governments, local civic bodies, schools, colleges, universities and sports control boards are eligible for assistance.
Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, assistance is provided for organizing national championships, participation of Indian teams in international tournaments, training of sportspersons etc.
Further, for identifying the talent and nurturing and training of the identified talent, the Sports Authority of India is also running various schemes including:
(i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
(ii) Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC)
(iii) Special Area Games (SAG)
(iv) SAI Training Centres (STC)
(v) Centres of Excellence (COE)
Trainees under the schemes are provided with stipend, sports kit, accidental insurance, competition exposure, etc.
The total allocated budget and expenditure incurred for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 is given in the Annexure-I.
State wise details of funds released under RGKA and USIS for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given in the Annexure-II.
(c) The Ministry provides lump sum ex-gratia financial assistance from

the National Welfare Fund to the sportspersons of yesteryears and their families, who are now living in indigent conditions and whose annual income is less than Rs. 2 lakhs. The funds of the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons can be utilized for the following purpose.

(i) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;

(ii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;

(iii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons who bring glory to the country in international field and who are disabled as an after effect of their strenuous training or otherwise and to provide them assistance for medical treatment;

(iv) to administrator and apply the funds of the Fund to promote the welfare of the sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;

(v) to administer and apply the funds of the Fund for active sportspersons individually or collectively as a group;

(vi) to encourage and provide assistance in cash or kind (sports equipments, kit, etc) to budding sportspersons, in their pursuit for achieving excellence in sports;

(vii) to do all other things which are incidental to the above objectives.

Under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund, 20 Sportspersons are getting pension and during 2015-16 financial assistance has been given to 7 sportspersons.

The Ministry provides lifelong monthly pension to meritorious sportspersons who have won medals in Olympics Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships in the disciplines of Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, and Paralympic Games, after they retire from active sports or they attain the age of 30 years, whichever is later, at following rates:

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S.No.Category of meritorious sportspersons Rate of Pension (Rs./per month)
1 Medalists at the Olympic Games 10000
2 Gold medalists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines 8000
3 Silver and Bronze medalists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines 7000
4 Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games 7000
5 Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games 6000
6 Gold Medalists of Paralympic Games 5000
7 Silver medalists of Paralympic Games 4000
8 Bronze Medalists of Paralympic Games 3000</pre>

Under the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, 630 sportspersons are getting monthly pension.

(d) There is no proposal to create a placement cell in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Recruitment of meritorious sportspersons against vacancies reserved for sports quota is already being done in Central Government offices in terms of extant instructions of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension.

(e) There is no scheme in the Department for construction of stadia in each District/Tehsil of the Country.

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